

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an  
2. internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user  
3. finds independent of the vendors, comprising the steps:

4. providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of  
5. items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

6. receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;

7. mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;

8. filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of  
9. vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and

10. submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1. 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said selection of goods to purchase is  
2. indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1. 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said providing to the user a plurality of  
2. items for purchase further comprises:

3. searching said internet environment for said plurality of items matching a  
4. set of user specified criterion; and

5. displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said set of  
6. user specified criterion.

1. 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
2. passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user  
3. can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1. 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of:  
2. tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors  
3. in response to the submitting step.

1. 6. A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an  
2. internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user  
3. finds independent of the vendors, comprising the steps:

4 providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of  
5 items drawn from said plurality of vendors;  
6 receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;  
7 mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;  
8 filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of  
9 vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information;  
10 passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user  
11 can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step;  
12 submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors; and  
13 tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors  
14 in response to the submitting step.

1           7.       A method for effecting transactions across a plurality of nodes, wherein a  
2       user may make a plurality of transactions with said plurality of nodes, comprising the  
3       steps:

4 providing to the user a plurality of transactions from which to choose, said  
5 plurality of transactions drawn from said plurality of nodes;  
6 receiving from said user a selection from said plurality of transactions;  
7 mapping said selection of to a selected set of said plurality of nodes;  
8 filling forms corresponding to each of said selected set of nodes selected  
9 by the user; and  
10 submitting said forms to said corresponding nodes.

1           8. The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an internet.  
1           9. The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an intranet.  
1           10. The method of claim 7 wherein said nodes are web sites on an Internet.

1            11. A system for effecting transactions across a plurality of vendors in an  
2            internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a plurality of items the user  
3            finds independent of the vendors, comprising:  
4                    at least one client, in conversation with at least one server in order to  
5                    effect:

6 providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said plurality of  
7 items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

8 receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;

9 mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of vendors;

10 filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected set of  
11 vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and

12 submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1 12. The system of claim 11 wherein said selection of goods to purchase is  
2 indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1 13. The system of claim 11 wherein said providing to the user a plurality of  
2 items for purchase further comprises:

3 searching said internet environment for said plurality of items matching a  
4 set of user specified criterion; and

5 displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said set of  
6 user specified criterion.

1 14. The system of claim 11 wherein said server and said client are further  
2 disposed to:

3 passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein the user  
4 can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1 15. The system of claim 11 said server and said client are further disposed to:  
2 tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding vendors  
3 in response to the submitting step.

1 16. A computer programming product for effecting transactions across a  
2 plurality of vendors in an internet environment, wherein a user may purchase each of a  
3 plurality of items the user finds independent of the vendors, comprising:

4 a computer readable storage medium;

5 code for providing to the user a plurality of items for purchase, said  
6 plurality of items drawn from said plurality of vendors;

7 code for receiving from said user a selection of goods to purchase;  
8 code for mapping said selection of goods to purchase to a selected set of  
9 vendors;  
10 code for filling order entry forms corresponding to each of said selected  
11 set of vendors whose goods the user selected with previously provided information; and  
12 code for submitting said order entry forms to said corresponding vendors.

1 17. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein said selection of  
2 goods to purchase is indicated by the user by means of clicking an icon.

1 18. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein said providing to  
2 the user a plurality of items for purchase further comprises:  
3 code for searching said internet environment for said plurality of items  
4 matching a set of user specified criterion; and  
5 code for displaying a result screen of said plurality of items matching said  
6 set of user specified criterion.

1 19. The computer programming product of claim 16 wherein further  
2 comprising:  
3 code for passing control to the user after filling order entry forms, wherein  
4 the user can perform a confirming operation prior to the submitting step.

1 20. The computer programming product of claim 16 further comprising:  
2 code for tracking confirmation information returned by said corresponding  
3 vendors in response to the submitting step.

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